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American Numismatic Soc.
New York City.

Gentleman:-

I am sending you, inclosed, seven of my collection of old coins. I would be pleased to have you give me information as to their history, rarity, present value, etc.

I am inclosing 25¢ in stamps for the return register of them.

Thanking you for all favors, I am,

Very respectfully
T. Leslie Cook

April 19th, 1921.

Mr. F. Leslie Cook,
Ponca City,
Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

I regret that there has been so great a delay in replying to your letter of February 7th enclosing seven coins. I am herewith returning the coins. I have numbered each coin, and can give you the following information in regard to them.

No. 1 is a Roman denarius issued in the City of Rome about 89 B. C. during the time that Caius Vivius Pansa was at the head of the Roman Mint. Similar pieces are described in the British Museum Catalogue of the Roman Coins, Volume I, Page 290. Specimens of this particular issue are very common in the coin market, and a piece in such condition as yours is should be worth from 75¢ to $1.00.

No. 2 is also a Roman Denarius but issued at one of the Provincial Mints in Italy, and not in the city of Rome itself, about the year 90 B. C. under the authority of Quintus Minucius Thermus. Specimens of this issue are common but not quite so common as those of No. 1, and a piece like yours would sell for from $1.25 to $1.50. Both these prices are for pieces in fine condition, and poorer specimens could be bought for considerably less.

No. 3 is a bronze coin of the Roman Republic, but too badly corroded to make it possible to be absolutely certain as to when it was issued. Similar pieces were minted in Rome and at the ~~Isber~~ mints in Italy at several different periods. The different issues can be distinguished by details of workmanship, but to do this it is necessary to have very nearly perfect specimens. I should be inclined to believe that your specimen was one from about the same period as the silver pieces but would not wish to consider this opinion

binding.